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LET THE PEOPLE RULE.

IT IS EASY to understand why the professional politician, the political boss and the chronic place hunter, oppose the provisions of Statement No. 1. But it is difficult to understand why any true, loyal friend of popular government does so.

It may be set down as an absolute fact, that any man who opposes Statement No. 1 is opposed, at heart, to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. He may say he favors changing the Federal constitution, so that the people shall elect senators; but he is not, at heart, in sympathy with such a change, else he would not oppose Statement No. 1, the nearest approach to doing so without the Federal amendment. Nor can the NEWS understand why any man who believes in the rule of the majority, should not favor Statement No. 1. Should Senator Fulton receive the majority of the votes of the people of Oregon, no lover of popular government will say he should not be declared elected senator and have his election ratified by the legislature. The same should be true if Mr. Cake or Governor Chamberlain should be the winner.

The idea is held out by the opponents of the Statement, that the Republican vote may be so divided that Governor Chamberlain would have a plurality over either of the Republican candidates. This difficulty can be removed by deciding at the primary between the Republican candidates and at the general election between Governor Chamberlain and his Republican opponent. And no fair minded man will say that, should Governor Chamberlain have a majority of the popular vote in June that either Senator Fulton or Mr. Cake, as the case may be, should be declared by the legislature to be elected senator. Yet this is just the desire of the Oregonian and all other opponents of Statement One, in urging the election of an unpledged Republican legislature. Indeed such an exigency is expected and is probably hoped for by these enemies of increasing, directly, the political power of the people. Should this condition arise, that is to say a popular majority for Governor Chamberlain and an unpledged Republican legislature, these enemies of increasing power of the people, expect to deal the Direct primary and especially the Statement No. 1 feature of it, a death blow. They would then, through a subservient legislature, so hamper the Initiative and Referendum with restrictions and handicaps, that its usefulness would be destroyed.

Then there is much more at stake than the mere election of one United States senator, in the maintenance of Statement No. 1. The very essence of popular government is to be given a set back.

Every since the institution of civilized government among men, there has been a jealousy among the ruling classes towards the exercise of political power by the people. Long and bloody wars have been fought to establish and maintain political power and liberty for the people. Our war of the Revolution was fought to establish the principle that taxation and representation should go hand in hand. We are now engaged in the struggle of securing representation for the people in the United States senate. Misrepresentation we have had for many years; but we now are endeavoring to get a senator who will derive his title to office from the people direct, and who will more truly represent the people's interests. Statement No. 1 furnishes the means to accomplish that result. The scheming crowd of politicians down in Multnomah county, of which the Oregonian is the chief mouth-piece, would take this means of securing a true representative in the U. S. senate, from us. Like the ruling powers of Russia and other European Kingdoms and empires, they are jealous of the growing political power of the people. Yes, this gang want the people to rule; but they wish to do the medium through which the ruling is done. They want the people to rule, but they want to direct how it shall be done. What a disinterested patriotic spirit these anti Statement No. 1 people manifest any way—a patriotism born of selfishness. They are a class of patriots which the people will do well to steer clear of.

RANDOM SHOTS WHICH HIT CENTER.

(From the Oregon Journal.)

Of the nineteen separate propositions before the people any citizen can inform himself thoroughly in as many days of ten minutes each given to their study. Many of them need no consideration, their titles being sufficient. Others require some investigation. If the average citizen is not capable of deciding them neither would the average legislator. The latter might be influenced by patronage, or some form of graft. The average citizen is too numerous to buy up.

It has cost the taxpayers several thousand dollars to prepare and send out copies of the different measures before the people. It has cost many times that in years gone by because measures that the people would have voted down were run in at the last minute and passed by venal, careless and negligent legislators. All amendments proposed should be published in some 20 or 30 leading papers throughout the state, as well. It pays to advertise in the public press, and the people of Oregon would find it so if they did.

Senator Fulton will be ask some embarrassing questions on his attitude concerning Statement No. 1. If he is up to date he will come out squarely for it and put the remnants of the machine to the scrap pile. If he is soaked through with Washington city statesmanship he will straddle or dodge and smile a lot of nothings. With the direct primary comes the day of direct answers from candidates to direct questions from the rank and file now in command.

County politics are now in good boiling condition and aspiring candidates are making themselves conspicuous in all parts of the county. This is entirely proper. The people wish to meet and talk with whomsoever they may be expected to vote. They want to size the man up and make up a personal estimate of his probable qualifications and fitness for the place. The day has entirely passed when the average voter will take any candidate on faith alone; especially if he is a candidate for a county office. They want to see him and talk with him. They then can decide, as a general rule, upon his fitness. However, any man who offers himself for office these days, may be considered a fit man for the place. He knows that, without he possesses the necessary qualifications his chances of election are but small. Hence, without he possesses these qualifications, he knows that he will be so handicapped, that defeat is certain. Hence the people can conclude that any man who offers himself for office, possesses the necessary ability to fill it, should he be elected.

Let us hope that those independent Republican candidates, down in Multnomah county, who have come out flat-footed for Statement No. 1, will be royally supported by the people of Multnomah. It is of vastly more importance to maintain the principle of the election of United States senators, than is the mere election of a Democrat or Republican to the legislature, or to the United States senate, for that matter. If Multnomah Democrats are really patriotic and believe that true Democratic principles shall win out in popular government in Oregon, they will join in heartily with these independent Republicans, and make sure the election of Statement No. 1 legislators from that county. A determined front shown by the people in defense of their rights and privileges will route the bosses bag and baggage. The people have all power, if they will only interest themselves enough to exercise it.

The NEWS is in receipt of a pamphlet from Secretary of State Benson, containing all of the measures which will be submitted for the adjudication of the people at the June election. On most of the proposed measures the voter will do well to vote "NO." Yet some of the proposed measures possess merit and are worthy of profound study by the voter. One of these pamphlets will be sent to each registered voter. They should be thoroughly studied. It is very important that every voter should be registered prior to the primary election, so that he may receive one of these pamphlets. The voter is now assuming the roll of law maker and if he would do his duty well, he must study the questions submitted in all of their bearings. The NEWS will have something to say on all of these questions prior to election day.

One of the questions to be submitted to the people in June is to make the provisions of Statement No. 1 obligatory and binding upon all future legislatures. That is to say the legislature must ratify the people's choice for United States senators. Every voter who honestly favors the election of U. S. senators by direct vote of the people, should vote "Yes" for this measure. It simply requires the legislator, no matter what his political sentiments may be, to vote for the candidate whom the people has elected to that office. Any one who believes in the rule of a majority or plurality, certainly ought to vote "yes" on this question.

A great many good men are offering themselves for office this year. But all men are good, however, until they go wrong. To some who are seeking offices, success would be an actual injury, while to others it would be a blessing. The office seeker should know that he is competent to fill the office which he seeks, in a manner satisfactory to the people and that he will be absolutely honest in the conduct of the public's business.

Political Announcement

In this column will be published the announcements of any citizen who aspires to the candidacy for any office, subject to the will of the voters at the forthcoming primaries.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY RECORDER
GRANT FROMAN,
Present Recorder.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY TREASURER
J. B. LEATHERMAN,
Albany, Oregon.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
T. J. BUTLER,
Albany, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY JUDGE
C. H. STEWART,
Present County Judge.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY JUDGE
C. L. SHAW,
Price Precinct,
P. O. Albany, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of
RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES
S. H. GOIN,
Sheburn Precinct.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY TREASURER
C. SCOTT,
Tangent, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of
COUNTY CLERK
J. E. CALAVAN,
North Scio Precinct.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of
COUNTY SHERIFF
F. L. BAYNE,
Shedd Precinct.

Mass Meeting.

Below we publish a call for a mass meeting, of the people of Scio and vicinity, for the purpose of discussing and gaining an intelligent understanding of the measures which the voters will pass upon at the coming election.

If the people are to assume the roll of legislators, they must, in order to understand and vote intelligently, discuss these measures. And the only practical way is through an organized mass convention.

The call is self-explanatory and is as follows:

We the undersigned citizens of Scio and vicinity being interested in the amendments to come before the voters of the State, in the June election, request that all voters meet in mass at the city hall, Scio, Oregon, Monday, March 30th, at 7 p. m. for the purpose of discussing these amendments that we may be able more intelligently to cast ballots on these issues.

E. C. Peery, W. A. Ewing, Jas. A. Blyden, R. J. McKillop, J. F. Wesely, W. F. Gill, H. M. Myr, A. J. Devaney, J. H. Leifer, Jas. Calavan, O. B. Cyrus, Geo. L. Sutherland, L. A. Fleener.

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